

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard G. Rincoe
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Title: **FORCE APPLYING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

Art Unit: 3723
Examiner: Wilson, Lee D.
Action: **ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE**
Date: June 20, 2008

TO: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following Election without Traverse is made in response to the Office Action dated August 31, 2007 containing a restriction requirement pertaining to the above-identified patent application. The Examiner has set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to expire one (1) month from the mailing date of the communication, making the present response due by September 31, 2007. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for Revival of a Patent Application Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR §1.137(b).

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires a restriction to one of the following inventions:

I - Claims 1-47, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 254, subclass 425.

II - Claims 43-48, drawn to a method, classified in class 254, subclass1.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention identified in Claims 1-47, drawn to an apparatus. This election is made without traverse. Applicant

hereby withdraws non-elected claims 43-48, without prejudice and subject to all rights to file a divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any further issues regarding the above-identified patent application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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